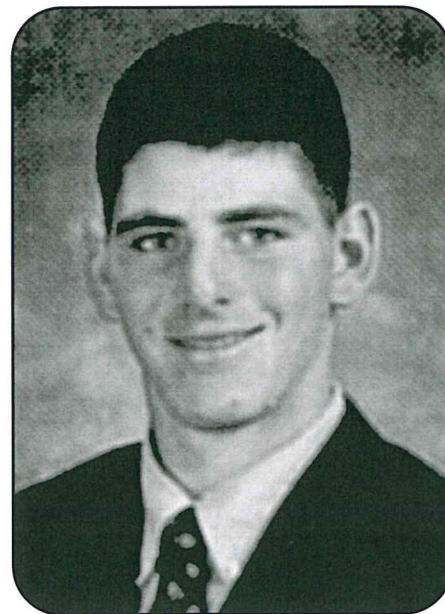


# TONY VANDEMORE

## GHS Class of 1995

Geneseo High School baseball fans in the 1990s likely thought they were watching potentially the first Maple Leaf to one day make it to the Big Leagues. While opportunity and ability were there for Tony Vandemore, injuries in his second year in the San Diego Padres farm system ended that dream. However, that opened the door for Vandemore's 'Stream of Dreams'. The 1995 GHS graduate is considered one of the top waterfowl experts in the USA. He owns and operates Habitat Flats in Missouri which is regarded by many as the top waterfowl lodge in North America. While at Geneseo, Vandemore earned first team NCIC honors in both baseball and football. Vandemore went on to an award-winning career on the Truman State Diamonds. Vandemore hit three home runs in single games in both college and high school. He still holds several hitting records at Truman State.



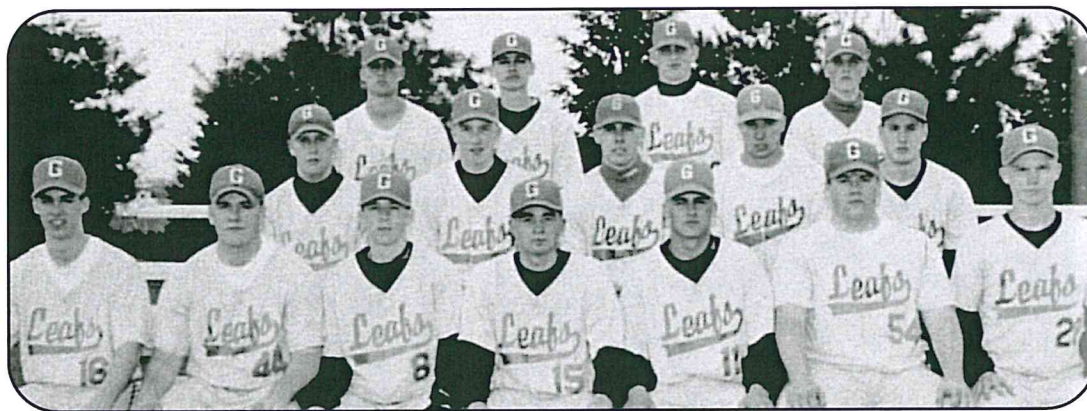
### Baseball

1995 was a sporadic year for J.D. Darnall baseball. Paced by a good corps of talented players, Mr. Kiss's varsity team never lost more than three games in a row. Unfortunately, they weren't able to put together any substantial winning streaks either. The sophomores' season mirrored that of their varsity counterparts. Their coach, Mr. Gronski, was able to explain Geneseo's inconsistency. "The wet weather messed our season up. We'd win a good game and get our momentum up. Then it'd rain and we wouldn't be able to play for a week."

The varsity came out above .500 in their stop and go season. The upperclass Leaf sluggers finished with an overall record of 13-12. Their 6-3 NCIC mark was a bright spot to the players.

Team leaders Tony Vandemore, J.J. Rupprecht, and Dick VanOpdorp were named as first team NCIC players. Vandemore, the hard-hitting right fielder, was also named the team's MVP.

The Sophomores finished their season at 10-13, 2-3 in the loop. Their lack of consistency and depth at pitching became readily apparent when examining a doubleheader vs. Belvidere. The Fresh Leafs won the first game 2-0, but lost the second game 22-7. Jason Putnam and Adam DeSplinter were hailed as team leaders, and the Leaf's close 5-4 victory over powerhouse Galeburg was cited as a season highlight.



### Varsity Baseball

Front, L to R: C.Clark, J.Upchurch, M.Orsi, J.Burton, R.Garbett, J.Upchurch, S.Walbusser  
 Middle Row: M.Conley, D.VanOpdorp, L.Kiss, J.Rupprecht, J.Whiteside Back Row: D.Cary, B.Whittington, T.Vandemore, T.Coogan

*Baseball is a game that Tony Vandemore excels at. In this instance, Tony is eagerly awaiting the pitch so that he can run to second base.*


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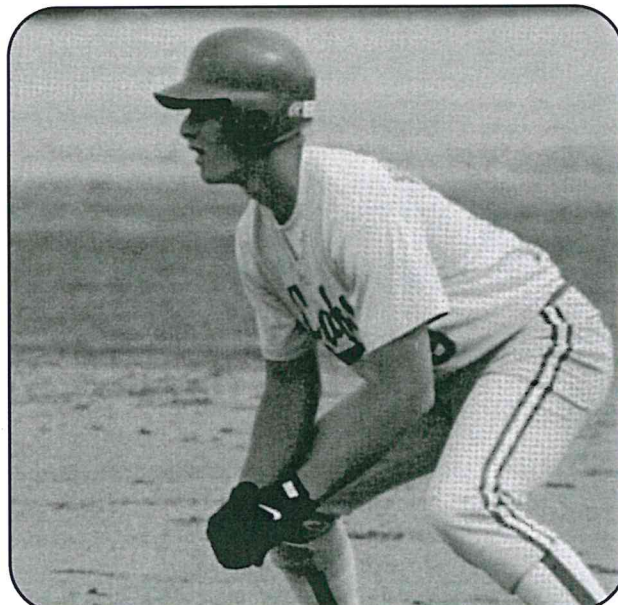
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*In Recognition of the Effort, Dedication and Hard Work  
 that led to the Exceptional Contribution to the Athletic Program.*

*Hall of Fame Committee*  
October 17, 2015



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# ***FAST FACTS***

**TONY VANDEMORE**  
Earned First Team NCIC Honors  
in Football and Baseball  
Hit 3 Home Runs  
in a Single Game  
in High School and College  
Played in the  
San Diego Padres Organization  
Owns One of the  
Top Water Fowl Lodges  
in North America